(8) To examine the working of the Railways and to make suggestions for achieving improved productivity and financial viability;

(9) To examine the working of the Railway Medical Service and to make suggestions for improving its work;

(10) To recommend any other measures which the Committee consider relevant to the working of the Railways.

Narbada Sarovar Scheme

1051. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narbada Sarovar scheme on the Narbada river was to be implemented by a special Corporation Board, as originally conceived;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Gujarat Government has now decided to implement the scheme through a Government agency; and

(c) whether the Central Government have granted such permission to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The reference is presumably to the Inter-state Sardar Sarovar Project on Narmada River. According to the directions of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal, construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam and the construction of the Navagam Canal offtaking from Sardar Sarovar upto Rajasthan Border is to be carried out by Gujarat. The Government of Gujarat had been considering proposal to set up a Corporation called Sardar Sarovar Development Corporation for execution of Sardar Sarovar Project. The proposal has, however, been dropped by the Government of Gujarat.

Low cost strategy to control smoking

1052. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a low cost strategy to control smoking; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss due to Floods

1053. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the extent of losses due to floods this year is higher than that of the previous year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to tackle the problem of deforestation through sale of fuel at subsidised rates in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) & (b) The total flood losses during this year reported upto 27-7-1984 by the State Governments are of the order of Rs. 134.27 crores against Rs. 187 crores reported during 1983 upto the same period.

(c) The Government is seized of the problem of deforestation and taking all possible measures to halt the trends. Some of the States have already implemented the scheme of

sale of fire wood through the agency of the Forest Department at subsidised rate or on "no profit no loss" basis to prevent the clandestine removal of the fire wood from the forests.

F.C.I. Godowns in Kerala

1054. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the main and the sub depots of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala and their storage capacity;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India has rented any godowns in Kerala; if so, what is their storage capacity;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct more godowns in Kerala,

(d) whether there is also any proposal to transfer sub-depots of the Food Corporation of India to some other agencies; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The Food Corproation of India has 18 main depots and 21 sub-depots in Kerala with a total storage capacity of 4.20 lakh tonnes.

(b) The Corporation has hired storage capacity of 34,348 tonnes in Kerala.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Since the Corporation has been incurring losses during the last few years on account of inadequate margin allowed by the State Government, it has requested the State Government to take over the retail distribution of foodgrains.

Memorandum given by Maharashtra resident Doctors Association to Prime Minister and others

1055. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deputation of the Association of Resident Doctors of Maharashtra, led by its President Dr. J. G. Lalmalani had met the Prime Minister on 16th July, 1984 and other medical and health authorities during 1st July, 1984 to 21st July, 1984; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held memoranda submitted by them and the assurances given to them by the authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). A deputation of Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors had delivered a Memorandum at Prime Minister's House on 16th July, 1984, mainly against the opening of three private medical Colleges in the State of Maharashtra and charging of high tuition/capitation fees in these institutions. Mention, *inter-alia*, has also been made about better medical education facilities and revision of pay structure.

A few days later, two or three doctors came to Prime Minister's House in the morning when the Prime Minister meets people without any previous appointment. No assurances were given to them.